

**Local Items.**

**Manchester Items.**—We are in the midst of the blooming season; cherry, apple and pear trees more particularly seem to vie with each other in the beauty and fullness of the blossoms, so that if but one-third should remain to perfection many trees will be made to groan under the load of fruit.

On Wednesday last Mr. Henry Motter, auctioneer, sold for J. M. Parke, trustee, the lands of Dr. H. E. Beltz, which sale was well attended and the bidding spirited, so that good prices were realized. A lot on Main street, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre, brought \$300, E. J. Crumrine purchaser; one adjoining Lutheran parsonage ground,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre, \$300, to Mr. Hanson; one near college to Mr. D. Bowman at \$100 per acre; orchard next to Mrs. Mary Lamotte,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, at \$105 per acre; orchard on New street, 7 acres, to E. Shaffer at \$108 per acre; 5 acres half a mile south of town to N. Armstrong at \$41 per acre; 4 acres about one mile north east of town, on Ford road, to Henry Werner at \$60 per acre; 5 acre wood lot near by to Mr. Hersh at \$70 per acre. The house and lot was withheld at a bid of \$2,000. The personal effects also brought good prices. The doctor and family left on Thursday morning for Baltimore to live with their daughter, Mrs. Falkenstine. On Wednesday, 11th, auctioneer Motter sold a lot for Henry C. Smith, mortgagee, to Mr. Geo. W. Everhart for \$80 per acre.

The last of the literary meetings was held on Monday evening, proceeds for benefit of the M. S. C. band. The programme brought out quite a fine crowd, and the addition of the music furnished by the band made a pleasant evening's entertainment.—They introduced the laughable farce, "Churning for a prize," to which the misses and masters did full credit and called Mrs. N. R. Lilly to the organ, when a quartette of gentlemen rendered their glee music with fine effect and led to the "Breeze in a Family," in which the gentleman conquered and had his flannel cake desire satisfied. Music by the band called forth two misses of 6 who displayed good training in singing "Go tell Aunt Nancy," &c. This was followed by "Old Black Joe" in full costume, accompanied by a full chorus of voices behind the scene. "The Sleigh-bell Polka" next in order was well performed by the band. This called Miss Maggie Crouse in her rehearsal of "The Beautiful Banner." With a silk flag in hand she gave much expression to the well spoken sentiments, and in childlike simplicity displayed an earnestness of speech to the beautiful banner all appreciated. At the conclusion six little boys rushed in and gave three hearty cheers for the flag while the red light held them in tableau in hurrah position, presenting a delightful picture. The "Star Spangled Banner" was played by the band. The drama, "Moonlight Masquerade," although in repetition, was well received. The "Anvil Chorus" was well rendered by the band and called the "Society of the Delectables," which closed the exercises. The organ used was the new Batey of which the society is half owner. The band intends holding a fair and festival at Whitsuntide.

A drive through the fine valley of Cranberry a few days ago showed that the thrifty people were up and doing and keeping pace with the onward march of improvement. A short stop with friend Reese at his fine home showed us that he is alive to his farming and dairy interest and is enrolled as the first tester of the "Cooley Creamer" in that valley.

**Circuit Court.**—The May term of the Circuit Court began on Monday last, Judge Hayden on the bench. The first day was consumed in selecting the grand jury, calling over the dockets, and in obtaining judgments by default and confession.

The following gentlemen were drawn to serve on the grand jury:—Dr. Samuel Swope, foreman; David Ireland, John Beaver, of A. J., John W. Lucabaugh, Wm. Frock, James A. McOlary, Samuel Rinedollar, Joshua Lockard, John H. Chew, Dr. Wm. H. Rippard, John Frick, Francis E. Reese, Robert D. Gorsuch, Richard Manning, Jonas S. Harner, David Witter, Michael Buchman, John O. Devries, Nicholas Benson, Chas. E. Lanver, Isaiah Hann, Andrew Drexler, Samuel Kesseling. Those remaining of the 48 names summoned comprise the petit jury, to wit: Lewis Selby, Whitfield Stanbury, Joshua Lee, Jas. C. Douty, Pinkney J. Bennett, Dr. George S. Fouke, Josiah Adelsperger, David A. C. Webster, Jos. A. Stouffer, Americus Shoemaker, John W. Jones, Louis Dielman, Samuel Yingling, David Zepp, Edwin G. Gilbert, Josiah Cluts John W. Bennett, Peter Otto, Jarrett N. Shauck, Peter Baile, Thomas D. Thomson, Jesse Hesson, Isaac Brilhart, Samuel Geeting.

Judge Hayden delivered the customary charge to the grand jury and they then retired to their room. The dockets were then called and a large number of cases marked for trial, which will probably make the term a long one. On the trial docket there are 282 cases, several of which are removed here from Washington county; on the original docket 48 cases; and on the appeal docket 78 cases.

On Tuesday the following cases were disposed of: The First National Bank of New Windsor vs. Solomon S. Ecker, executor, action of assumpsit on a promissory note; Smith & McKellip and Mauleby for plaintiff, Roberts for defendant; held sub curia. On Wednesday, Ezra M. Norris vs. Senseney, Lambert & Co. This was a suit to recover on an open account for work and labor done. Norris and Reissender for plaintiff, Smith & McKellip for defendant.

Peter Sellers vs. John Yingling, action on the case; Pearson for plaintiff, Bond for defendant. This was a very interesting case, the facts of which are these: In the spring of 1880 the defendant was engaged in burning brush. The day was windy and dry and the fire escaped from his control. It communicated to the timber, woodland and fences of the plaintiff, burning over about 50 acres of his land and nearly destroying his buildings. He then brought suit to recover damages because of the negligence of the defendant. Still on trial.

On Monday last Mrs. Belva H. Lockwood, the celebrated woman lawyer of Washington, D. C., appeared in court and Judge Mauleby moved her admission to the bar. Judge Hayden, after hearing Mrs. Lockwood argue the question of her admission, said that he would hold the matter for consideration until Tuesday morning when he would render his decision. On Tuesday he denied the motion and refused to admit her.

**Silver Run Items.**—A Union Sunday school has been organized at Green Valley school house, with the following officers: President, Joseph Mathias; Vice-President, David U. Hesson; Superintendent, Richard Dell; Asst. Supt., U. L. Hahn; Secretary, John Dell; Treasurer, John Miller. The school numbers sixty-four scholars and nineteen teachers.

David H. Reinecker, a former resident of this place, but now residing in Pa., lost on Easter Sunday all his furniture, &c., by fire. The fire originated in the chimney and before it was discovered had made too much headway to be checked, and the house with all its contents was destroyed.